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## The Circulation of The Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in Norwich. It is delivered to over 3,000 of the 4,000 houses in Norwich, and read by ninety-three per cent. of the people. In Wickham it is delivered to over 400 houses in Putnam and Danbury to over 1,000, and in all of these places it is considered the local daily.

**CIRCULATION**

1901, average	4,422
1905, average	5,920
1906, average	6,559
1907, average	7,179
1908, average	7,543
June 28	7,583

**ATTENTION!**  
Will all persons who took part in the parade in 1909, on the occasion of the bi-centennial celebration, send their names to The Bulletin?

## THE AVERAGE RAINFALL.

A recent report of the rainfall of the earth shows that Norwich receives a little more than her share, but she has not been getting it often, for the earth which was slightly drenched by Monday's shower, is still too dry for thirty crops. The average rainfall for the world is 36 inches, and Norwich gets about 40 inches annually. The variation in rainfall is 2 inches at Port Said to 61 inches at Chersonesus, in southwestern Asia. The wettest place in the world, and where, in 1861, the rainfall was 905 inches. For the United States, the lowest figure is given from Yuma, Arizona, 3.1 inches, but Plaquemine, in the same territory, has 73 inches. The highest figure is from Mobile, Alabama, 63 inches, and the next highest figure is from Jupiter, Fla., 60.2 inches. At no other points in the country, apparently, does the average rainfall amount to 5 feet a year, although the average for New Orleans is 67.4 inches. Nevada appears to be the driest state as a whole, Winnemucca, the only place given, having an average of only 3.4 inches. Texas is strikingly uneven, as would be expected, with 47.1 at Galveston, and only 9.8 at El Paso. New Haven, in Connecticut, is the wettest point given in New England, its average annual precipitation being 47.3 inches. Block Island, in Rhode Island, has 44.4, and Boston comes next with 43.4 inches, to be closely followed by Eastport, Me., with 42.8, and Portland with 42.5. The figures for New Hampshire are from Concord, where the average precipitation is 40.1 inches. Vermont evidently suffers somewhat from lack of season, her average at Northfield being 33.8, and at Burlington, 31.6 inches.

## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER.

The Washington Post indulges in a few timely remarks with reference to the way in which American policemen are uniformed. It asks: "Why could not the policemen who are compelled to be on duty through sun and shade during the heated months be allowed to wear a cooler uniform? In many other cities where the temperature is high the men on the street are garbed in a snow-white suit, with helmet, and other clothing suited to warm climates. And the fresh, white uniforms, looking so clean and cool, make fully as natty appearance as the heavy blue coats and plaid shirts. We can see no reason why the discipline of the police department should suffer or why it need alter one jot of its rigidly prescribed red tape if the officers whose duties keep them constantly at work during the heated hours were allowed to wear a comfortable uniform instead of the heavy and stiff clothing now required."

This reads right because it reads true. We are not as fast some ways as we think. The Courant's right when it says "Americans, alert and ingenious in respect to most things, are slow in solving the hot-weather dress problem."

One of these days Americans will more generally dress to keep cool as well as to keep warm.

In '68 Norwich and Woodbury were shown to be "The Morning and Evening Star of Connecticut." Have they saluted each other on this important occasion?

The new counterfeit ten-dollar bill is not worrying the men who never see anything larger than a five. The editors are pretty safe from such imposition.

It is a wonder that the state's bill for soda water is not as large as its bill for knives and fountain pens, when the Solons stay until July.

**"THE ANGELUS" AT REST.**  
The students of art in this vicinity will be interested to know that Millet's "Angelus" has finally found a permanent home in the Louvre, at Paris, having been secured for \$100,000, the highest price ever paid for a picture by a modern artist. Millet was pleased when he received for this wonder of the art world \$150 from Van Praet, the Belgian minister at Paris. Millet lived to see it sold to Durand-Ruel for \$4,000; later it was bought by a Belgian for \$10,000. It was in 1881 that it was sold from the Willson collection at auction to the Pettis art dealers, for \$12,000, they trying to buy it for Secretary, the French collector, or Mr. Vanderbilt. They drew lots, the American lost for once in his life, and the Pettis bought "The Angelus" back for \$40,000, only to sell it back to Secretary soon afterward for \$50,000, refusing an offer of \$100,000 made by John D. Rockefeller a few days later. When the Secretary collection went on the block France tried for the canvas amid great excitement, the crowd cheering the picture when it was placed on the easel in 1889. The government's agent bought it, after wild bidding, for \$95,000, but the government refused to ratify the bargain, and the picture passed into the hands of an American bidder, who had offered the highest price.

The French people will feel satisfied now that this great picture has become a government treasure.

**RAILROAD GROWTH.**  
From the condition of the country it was not to be expected that a great showing would be made for the railroad in 1908, but the 1909 edition of Poor's Manual shows that railroad extension still keeps up. The total mileage of steam railroads in the United States on December 31, 1908, was 212,446, as compared with 218,125 miles on December 31 the previous year, an increase of 5,679 miles. Total liabilities amounted to \$19,475,855,589, compared with \$18,649,289,589, an increase of \$826,566,000. Gross earnings of the roads reported earnings for 1908, embracing 238,488 miles, amounted to \$2,407,019,810. This compares with gross earnings in 1907 on 235,227 miles of \$2,602,757,503. Passenger revenue in 1908 was \$510,699,063, compared with \$511,578,317 in 1907; freight revenue in 1908 was \$569,323,097, as compared with \$564,447,465 in 1907.

**MR. TAFT.**  
Mr. Taft will be here for commencement, but no unusual fuss will be made about it. Indeed, it is probable that there will be less demonstration than when a year ago "Old Bill Taft" came back with the class of '78 for a jolly good time with Alma Mater.

Mr. Taft is coming to New Haven as a Yale man, not because he happens to be president of the United States, and he wants to be just as democratic as he can be while he is here. Three cheers for Bill Taft, president because he won the honor, Yale grad because he won that honor, too.—New Haven Leader.

There is no reason why there should be fuss and feathers anywhere when the president appears. A man who is great enough to be president doesn't want to meet fanners—he prepares to meet men. The president of the United States is entitled to a true American welcome everywhere, given in an up and up manner. This is what he should be given in Norwich.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is about time for the landlords of summer resorts to hold their heads up and look pleasant.

The best evidence that a man or woman has "gone buggy" is when he or she go and take Paris green.

The principal manufacturer of fireworks in this country is named Pain. His name goes with the business.

The Connecticut legislators will take ten days off for the Fourth, of course. It will take a week to get over it.

It is prophesied that there will be more aeroplanes in the air five years hence than there are now crows daily.

There cannot be another June like this for Norwich for fifty years, and then it is not likely to be a duplicate.

Happy thought for today: The man who arrogates to himself importance is at the shrinkage stage before the people.

The New York vestmakers are on a strike. Since most of us can get along without vests now, this is of little consequence.

Leon Ling may be like a rat in a trap, but the trap appears to be of assuredness, with secretive compartments in it.

New Hampshire claims that her mosquitoes are of the polite and least offensive sort. She does not care to kerosene them.

Many a man who has a broad mind has a narrow pocketbook, and he comes to regard life's distortions as absolutely painful.

The backyard full of weeds and old tin cans is never inviting. The hammock and daughter must have a better place than that.

## THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

### MAKING GOOD

"Hello, Andrews," said the traveling man, entering the little wagon shop in the country village and addressing the tall, lank proprietor, who was in the act of painting an ancient pedicel. "It's been a long time since I've seen you. How's the Enterprise?" "The Enterprise is the best of it," answered the proprietor, "but I don't know how to make good. I've got to wait for you." "I reckon it's all right," drawled the traveling man, "but I don't know how to make good. I've got to wait for you." "I don't remember me? Well, I like that! I'm Sanders—just Jim Sanders—that's all. I'm with the Mammoth Paint Company. And that reminds me," drawing out a letter of instructions from the home office, "the firm is kicking here because you haven't sold for that \$5 worth of enamel I sold you two years ago. Remember that? Now, was there anything wrong with the stuff—eh?" "No," drawled the proprietor. "I know I owe you folks money—it's sort of worrisome to see that bill come in every month, but I ain't a paying bills now. I mean to take 'em all up soon. But just now—"

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### An Inquiry.

Mr. Editor:—We are right up against the 250th anniversary of the town and the 125th birthday of the city, and mother and daughter are looking fine and feeling well; but mother desires that one of her sons should ask a question or two, and I have ventured upon this simple matter, but it's too small an amount for a man of good credit to leave hanging over him month after month.

First, mother would like to know how President Taft got to be the guest of Winthrop Tracey instead of the guest of the town and city of Norwich? If he is not the guest of Mr. Williams, but of the town, mother says that daughter's best man, Mayor Lippitt, a scholar and graceful speaker, is the man to do the special honors. If the president is Mr. Williams' private guest, things are going right as they are now billed.

Mother would also like to know why the canopied flags over Main street stop right in the middle of the West Central wharf bridge, and whether, as the car traffic from New London is all going to land in Thames square, it would not be as well to have a small realize that the square is in the "jubilee" district. The West Side can take care of itself, of course, for mother says she built gunboats for the defense of the country.

And mother would really like to know if ex-mayors in Norwich are of no account? Wouldn't it be well for us on this occasion to just say "How do you do?" to them?

There are several other things mother would like to know, but she says she has learned that Mayor Lippitt is not to ride with the president, or with the governor, she would like to know if he isn't going to ride in a car with the procession. "That is the place," she says, "for darter's best man!"

Questions, mother says, when a body is so busy; but the proprietors require that all her children should appear to be in their right place on such an important occasion.

A BOY WITH A BROOM. Norwich, June 28, 1909.

## A Complaint.

Mr. Editor: Without pride of ancestry or the affection arising from long residence, I still feel that the demands of fitness and being subject to flagrant violation in bringing the people celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the town of Norwich within a few hundred yards of the town's ancient center and so small as most historic section, and then, as it were, turning its back and counter-marching to bestow upon parts of more importance the honor of its flag and music. That the floats are obliged to pass beyond, to avail themselves of the better space for turning at the Green can scarcely be considered a compliment. No doubt the committee has reasons for deciding on the route as laid down; but it is sincerely to be hoped that the decision is not irrevocable.

Let this occasion celebrate primarily, as it should, the historical aspects of the town's greatness and show all honor to the worth and work of its founders—the foundation upon which has been reared the present structure of the city and town of Norwich, with its many desirable features, both social and commercial. Don't let a few more footsteps or a few more beads of perspiration stand in the way of bestowing due honor and homage upon the bounds within which was cradled the beginning of our present destiny. The matter of a fraction of a mile surely ought not to be allowed to stand as against historical claims of the accumulated growth of 250 years. Were the region depopulated, possible excuse might be afforded for slighting an ab-

## Letters to the Editor.

### Thrift of Trees.

Mr. Editor: A short distance from Brewster's Neck chapel and adjoining land of the Norwich Insane Hospital, I own a few acres of pine trees and laurel. It has been my custom and pleasure for many years to contribute to Christmas decorations of churches and for other purposes from this land. The cutting of so many small trees, the breaking down of the laurel, and the uprooting of the arbutus made the demand far greater than the supply; and some two years ago I was obliged to refuse those who asked permission, and post notices for those who did not, in order to protect the growth for a few years.

In entire disregard of notices published in the Norwich paper, and posted all along the tree near the gate, and in plain view of passersby the annoyance continues. Only a few weeks since four men were seen digging up laurel and cutting away large loads on a two horse wagon while at Christmas time several loads of small trees are cut and probably shipped away for Christmas trees by high priced dealers. I am sure that private property fenced and posted with notices against trespassing? Or is there no redress from such vandalism?

Norwich, June 28, 1909.

## THE OWNER?

To Crowd Out E. J. Hill.

The high protectionists are planning to capture the conference committee to consider the tariff bill. There is talk now that seniority will not be observed in selecting the conferees from the finance and ways and means committee as heretofore. It is held that the age of Burrows ought not to be taxed by arduous labor on the committee and that Senator Snoot should serve and Senator Flint and so on and that geographical distribution should count, too. In the house this would let out such tariff liberals as McCall and Hill, in that Senators Hale and Aldrich would sufficiently represent New England. It is designed to displace Burrows by high protectionists from the west. The appointment of Hill will any way be fought tooth and nail.—Washington Special, Springfield Republican.

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